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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2002, please reconsider the above identified-application based on the following:

REMARKS

Initially, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim of foreign priority.

Thus, claims 1-17 are currently pending in this application. Applicant traverses all objections and claim rejections in view of the following arguments.

I. THE REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1-6, 10-15 UNDER 35 U.S.C.

§ 102(b)

Claims 1-6, 10-14, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,427,205 to Holzer (hereinafter "Holzer"). Claims 10-15 were rejected under